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RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002, in the subject patent application.

Please amend the application as follows:

In The Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, and 6 as follows:

An equilibrium dialysis apparatus comprising: 1.

a body, comprising a top surface having a first plane and a bottom surface having a second plane, in which body is contained at least one testing well, each of which well is separated into a first side and a second side, by means for vertically separating the well, such that both of said sides of each well are fully open and accessible from the top of the body and closed on said bottom surface.